

# *Executive Proclamation*

## *State of South Dakota*

### *Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, Sister Cecelia Ann Loomer, SFCC, first graced the state of South Dakota with her presence of her birth on October 5, 1942, and will observe her 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday; and,

*Whereas*, Sister Cecelia Ann completed exemplary education programs at Custer Elementary School and Custer High School. She continued her education and spiritual formation through the Daughters of Charity at Marillac Seminary in Normandy, Missouri, and further continued her education by earning a masters of religious education from St. Mary's University in Houston, Texas; and,

*Whereas*, Sister Cecelia Ann guided young people to the beauties of the English language and the Roman Catholic faith with her teaching, and she established and has been the directress of the Tree House Healing Ministries. The Ministry helps individuals deal with trauma in their lives and is celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on October 28, 2012; and,

*Whereas*, Sister Cecelia Ann was named by the Archdiocese of St. Louis as the recipient of the 2002 Catholic Women of the Year as Spiritual Guide Award, after having been nominated in 2001 as Catholic Women of the Year as a Healer. Sister Cecelia Ann was awarded the Cardinal Rigali Service Award for service to the Archdiocese of St. Louis, and she received special individual notice from Pope John Paul II during her visitation at the Vatican in November, 1992; and,

*Whereas*, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of the tremendous impact that Sister Cecelia Ann has made in advancing her lifetime work of prayer and education and to recognize the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

*Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim October 5, 2012, as

## *SISTER CECELIA ANN LOOMER DAY*

in South Dakota, and I join her family and friends in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

*Dennis Daugaard*  
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

*Jason M. Gant*  
Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State